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For: CORTICOID 17,21-DICARBOXYLIC ESTERS
AND CORTICOSTEROID 17-CARBOXYLIC
ESTER 21-CARBONIC ESTERS, PROCESSES
FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND
PHARMACEUTICALS CONTAINING THESE
COMPOUNDS

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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Final Action and is accompanied by the Petition fee of \$130.00 and a certification as specified under § 1.97(e). Applicants respectfully petition and request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from the Hungarian Patent Office in a counterpart application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language

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